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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: KIDNAP - CANADIAN CITIZEN

REF: ROME 13414

1. DETAILED DISCUSSION OF TACTICS TO BE FOLLOWED ON NEXT
CONTACT BY KIDNAPPERS WAS HELD EVENING OF AUGUST 18, 1977,
WITH BORBIRO, HARBESON, LEGAT AND THREE ITALIAN NATIONAL
POLICE (INP) OFFICERS PARTICIPATING. BASIC APPROACH
AGREED UPON WAS THAT BORBIRO WOULD INSIST ON PROOF THAT MACKAY
IS STILL ALIVE AND WOULD TAKE LINE THAT \$500,000 RANSOM IS
RIDICULOUS.

2. BORBIRO RECEIVED TWO PHONE CALLS WITHIN MINUTES OF EACH
OTHER FROM THE KIDNAPPERS AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 P.M., ON
AUGUST 20 AT HOTEL MEDITERRANEO IN ROME. IN SUBSTANCE
BORBIRO ATTEMPTED TO INSIST ON PROOF THAT MACKAY WAS STILL
ALIVE BEFORE NEGOTIATING FURTHER BUT KIDNAPPER INSISTED THAT
AMOUNT OF RANSOM MUST BE ESTABLISHED BEFORE ANY PROOF WOULD
BE FURNISHED. BORBIRO OFFERED TEN TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND
DOLLARS RANSOM. KIDNAPPER CALLED BORBIRO " CRAZY" AND THEN
BEGAN TO THREATEN THAT IF PROOF WAS NEEDED THEY COULD ARRANGE
TO SEND AN EAR OF MACKAY THROUGH THE MAIL.
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3. BORBIRO CONTACTED DART AT LOS ANGELES APPROXIMATELY
9:40 P.M., AUGUST 20 AND WAS AUTHORIZED BY DART TO OFFER
RANSOM OF \$100,000.

4. KIDNAPPER AGAIN CONTACTED BORBIRO AT APPROXIMATELY
10 P.M., AUGUST 20. BORBIRO OFFERED \$100,000. KIDNAPPER

SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH HIS CHIEF AND WOULD CALL AGAIN AUGUST 21 BEFORE 10 A.M.

5. FROM ITALIAN WORDS INTERJECTED BY KIDNAPPER DURING

CALLS MENTIONED ABOVE, IT APPEARS THE INDIVIDUAL MAKING THESE TELEPHONE CONTACTS WITH BORBIRO IS ITALIAN.

6. KIDNAPPER RECALLED BORBIRO AT MEDITERRANEO AT APPROXIMATELY 8:10 A.M., AUGUST 21 AND STATED FIGURE DEMANDED NOW IS \$300,000. KIDNAPPER INDICATED HE WOULD CALL BORBIRO AGAIN MORNING OF AUGUST 22.

7. EMBASSY FOLLOWING AND WILL DEEP DEPARTMENT AND LISBON ADVISED.
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